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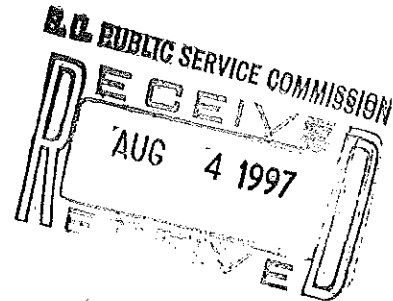
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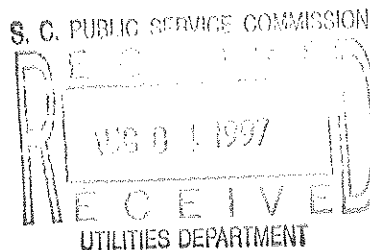
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Re: Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs. Duke Power Company, n/k/a
Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation (Docket No.: 97-153-E)

Dear Mr. Ballentine:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original plus twenty-five (25) copies of the Testimony of Philip T. Lacy. Testimony of David Schmidt, Mark E. Johnson, Edward T. Connell and Stephen R. Goza will be transmitted under separate cover, by counsel for Duke Power in Charlotte.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Richard L. Whitt

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